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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, F Lombardi, Lombardo, and Archambault

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Labor

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created 2 consisting of eleven (11) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the Senate, three (3) of 3 whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by 4 the Minority Leader; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Hospitality 5 Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island 6 7 Manufacturers Association (RIMA), or designee; one of whom shall be the State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), or designee; one of whom shall be the 8 9 President of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the 10 general public, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and one of whom shall be an 11 owner of a restaurant in Rhode Island, to be appointed by the President of the Senate. 12 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of Rhode 13 Island's minimum wage including a comparison and analysis of neighboring states practices and provide recommendations that would benefit all Rhode Islanders. 14 15 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at 16 the call of the President of the Senate and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the 17 legislators. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment. 18

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the

Senate no later than May 4, 2022, and said commission shall expire on January 4, 2023.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1	This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
2	whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who would report back
3	to the Senate no later than May 4, 2022, and whose life would expire on January 4, 2023.
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